

**MARLBORO TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES FROM MONDAY MARCH 31, 2008 MEETING**  
**MUNCIPAL COMPLEX – ROOM 2**

Meeting is called to order at 7:40pm

Opening statement is read by Jeff Weiss, chairperson.

As the presiding officer of this meeting of the Marlboro Shade Tree Commission, I hereby declare that the notice requirements in accordance with the provisions of the open meeting law chapter 21, P.L. 1995 has been provided in accordance with the annual notice procedures of C 10.428 of said Act. I further order that this public announcement be place in the minutes of this meeting.

Roll Call was taken

Paula Broglia – Present

Sherry Cilea – Present

Shary Cohen – Present

Suzi Leifer – Present

Debi Richards – Present

Navdeep Sandhu – Not Present

Nanci Susino – Present

Jeff Weiss – Present

Venny Zamarra – Not Present - Can no longer commit

Shari Spero – CME Associates - Present

Randi Marder – Council person – Not Present

Also present

Mary Eng from the Beautification Committee

Heath Leskin – Previous shade tree committee member

### **Open items from February 25, 2008 meeting**

**Approval of Grant** - \$3000 approved, town match is \$1500. Total is \$4,500.00

**Resident Complaint** – Civil dispute, Town does not get involved. Shari Spero advised the neighbor to contact the other neighbor. The second complaint was given to the mayor.

**Decision on tree planting** – Randi Marder to follow up on tree arrival. The teen advisory committee can help plant. Possibly such groups as the boy/girl scouts can participate. Planting will be on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Beautification Day** - Mary Eng from the beautification committee joined the meeting. She informed us beautification day is May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Breakfast is served. Pre registration is required. Teenagers build bird houses from 9 – 11am. Lunch is served. Schools are invited to come. There are a total of 15 adopted sites and thirty total sites. Six parks will be cleaned. Donations of flowers are made from the local nurseries. The shade tree committee will donate one tree per location. Sherry Cilea will be the Shade Tree liaison. Debi Richards will assist.

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**Chapter 32 Discussion** - Shari Spero met with the township attorney and made changes. It will be easier to read and understand. The current status is that Shari Spero is waiting for the final copy for review. Chapter 32 will be in land use which is Chapter 84.

The Shade tree will no longer be a commission it will be a committee.

**Management Plan** - Shari Spero reviewed the Tree Management Plan.

It is a five year plan. The state will have to approve it. This protects against liability and lawsuits.

The main body of the plan is to pick 5- 7 goals and objectives. Examples of goals are to diversify street trees, promote and expand town arboretum, outreach to the community and a hazard tree survey.

How to reach the goals is usually broken out by season.

Cost is \$4,500.

At the next meeting Shari Spero will discuss the goals and objectives of the tree management plan.

### **Organizations -**

New Jersey Tree Federation – The application was submitted and accepted. The cost was \$95.00. Five people were named on the application. Jeff Weiss will request additional money from Alayne Shepler, business administrator, to be able to include all members.

Monmouth County Annual Spring Forum – Jeff Weiss attended. The topic was Gypsy Moths. Per Jeff, they covered the spraying program to get rid of the gypsy moth. It was discussed how the money will be allocated and which towns will be covered.

### **Arbor Day – April 25, 2008**

Standard Arbor Day proclamation will be used as provided by Nanci Susino.

The mayor will read the proclamation at the town council meeting

Paula Broglia will make arrangements for food and drink donations for Arbor Day.

Casola farms is donating a Weeping Cherry Tree. There will be a ceremony planting at the Municipal Complex.

Sherry Cilea will contact **Channel 77** for press coverage for Arbor Day.

Suzi Leifer will contact Marlboro Matters for coverage.

The idea of having after school programs participate in Arbor Day was discussed.

**Shade tree committee logo** – Possibly have a contest at the middle school.

Sherry Cilea and Nanci Susino will contact Sharon Witchel, Public Information Officer of Marlboro to discuss this idea.

Heath Leskin, former committee member spoke about the former commission and wished the new committee good luck.

**The next meeting date is April 28, 2008.**

Meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

